

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

PAYING TRIBUTE TO CASEY BROWN

HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 27, 2003

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to recognize Casey Brown of Ignacio, Colorado. Mr. Brown has been a dedicated citizen and leader of the Southwest Colorado community and it is my honor to pay tribute to his accomplishments before this body of Congress and this nation.

Casey graduated from New Mexico State University and the University of Wyoming with a focus on wool production. After college and a brief teaching stint at California State Polytechnic University in Pomona, California, Casey returned to the Four Corners area to help his father run their family ranch in New Mexico. Casey has continued to manage the ranch, which now includes a herd of 2,500 sheep and 200 cattle.

Casey has always been active in agricultural and community activities, serving as a member of the San Juan County Fair Association, the New Mexico State University experimental station advisory board, the Pine River Irrigation District board, and as the founder of Citizens for Common Sense Government. Additionally, Casey is the past president of the Colorado Wool Growers Association, which recognized him as Wool Grower of the Year in 1993. Among other honors, Casey was the La Plata County Cattleman of the Year in 1992, DACRA Agriculturalist of the Year in 1999, and earned special recognition for service by the National Public Lands Council in 1994.

For his significant contributions in the agricultural community, Casey was named the seventh recipient of the Southwestern Colorado Livestock Association's Distinguished Service Award, which honors members who have gone above and beyond in their contributions to the livestock industry. Mr. Speaker, it is with honor that I commend Mr. Casey Brown before this body of Congress and this great nation for his dedication to his trade and his community. His contributions have greatly benefited the people of the Four Corners region and I am honored to have the opportunity to represent such a fine Coloradan. I wish Casey the best of luck with all of his future endeavors.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 1104, CHILD ABDUCTION PREVENTION ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. SHEILA JACKSON-LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 26, 2003

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to this rule, H. Res. 160.

The rule in the House should mirror the opinion of our colleagues in the Senate, that H.R. 1104 should be reduced to one single issue: The Amber Alert system.

The rule as written, however, provides for debate on extraneous issues ranging from sentencing guidelines, to penalties for possession of child pornography, to the investigative powers of the U.S. Secret Service.

While these and the other extraneous provisions in H.R. 1104 are worthy of our full consideration, those provisions should not be considered in H.R. 1104.

The House should debate and pass a clean Amber Alert bill, just as the Senate passed a clean Amber Alert bill with S. 121.

By passing a clean Amber Alert bill we send a clear message to America's families that the safety of our children is a priority second to none.

We also increase the likelihood that more child abductions will have the happy ending experienced by the family of Elizabeth Smart, who, as we all know, was safely returned to her family after a nine-month-long kidnapping ordeal.

The Republican majority's decision to bog down the Amber Alert bill with several unnecessary and unrelated provisions is inexplicable and endangers our children.

It seems as though the majority has used every conceivable measure to load up the bill and make it more difficult to pass.

The Senate set aside their partisan agendas and took a giant step toward protecting America's children by passing a clean, bipartisan Amber Alert bill.

The Majority should set aside their agenda and eliminate these extraneous provisions so that the House, too, can pass a clean Amber Alert bill.

Mr. Speaker, I support H.R. 412, a clean Amber Alert bill.

I oppose the rule, H. Res. 160.

CONGRATULATING MEMBERS OF THE MATIGNON HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL TEAM

HON. MICHAEL E. CAPUANO

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 27, 2003

Mr. CAPUANO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize two more members of the Matignon Warriors boys' basketball team that won the MIAA Division 4 state championship on March 10, 2003. Last week I submitted for the record the Warriors' team roster, and inadvertently left out Jimmy Burns and Michael Flaherty. I would like to correct that today, and congratulate them on their successful season.

TRIBUTE TO THE NATIONAL SERVICE ORGANIZATION OF SCHOLASTIC

HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 27, 2003

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, let me take this means to recognize the fine accomplishments of the National Service Organization of Scholastic, which is the largest employer in Jefferson City, MO. Scholastic was rewarded the PR News 2002 Corporate Social Responsibility Award.

Scholastic has been awarded this honor due to their ongoing innovation campaigns and ongoing programs. Scholastic was honored in the category of Diversity Communications for its partnership with Lincoln University on sponsorships, scholarships, job internships, and book donations. The company sponsors programs that provide speakers and curriculum literature, and also recognizes outstanding achievement of faculty, staff, and volunteers for local schools.

Scholastic also has a long-term commitment to Missouri through their annual summer book donation program, which provides children at more than 150 schools with a donation of three books for each student for summer reading. Scholastic also provides Lincoln University books and materials each month for their children's library. In addition, the company fosters recruitment opportunities and sponsors writing and student awards programs. Many of Scholastic's employees also serve on Lincoln University's advisory board.

Mr. Speaker, I know that the National Service Organization of Scholastic should be honored for their commitment to serving their local communities. They can be proud of their accomplishments. I know the Members of the House will join me in congratulating Scholastic for this well deserved award.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO ROBERT DUNCAN

HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 27, 2003

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with much pleasure that I rise today to honor the accomplishments of Robert Duncan of the San Juan Technical School located in Denver, Colorado. Robert has dedicated his life to passing on his extensive knowledge and experience, providing many students with otherwise unthinkable opportunities. I wish to take this opportunity to acknowledge Robert's dedication and commitment to education before this body of Congress and this Nation.

Robert is known for his expertise in automotive technology and his dedication to his students. His recent award recognizes Robert's ability as a teacher, particularly emphasizing the dramatic increases in enrollment in

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